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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/582,567	Applicant(s) SCHMIDT ET AL.	
	Examiner Rob Swiatek	Art Unit 3643	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Koncsek (US 4,991,795). The Koncsek patent discloses an aircraft supersonic inlet including a vent flap 44, a duct 40, an actuator 98, and a force detecting device 102. The air pressure in duct 40 is maintained at a level substantially equal to that of air pressure at the aft portion of forward ramp 32, although the duct pressure could be changed to a desired value by appropriately opening or closing flap 44 (see column 8, lines 43-64, of Koncsek) so that, for example, force on the actuator 98 was essentially zero. Since instant claims 1-3 are drawn to an apparatus, method step limitations contained therein have not been given weight.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sandre (US 3,238,716). The flap 15 of Sandre is positioned such that the static pressure in duct 11 is balanced (see column 3, lines 27-33, of Sandre).

Claim 4 is objected to because of the following informality: In line 5, “charactersied” is a misspelling. Appropriate correction is required.

In the abstract, line 1, the phrase “The invention relates to an” should be changed to – An–.

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Claims 4-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The patents to Ingram et al. (US 3,196,609) and Johnson et al. (US 4,064,692) have been cited to provide additional examples of gas turbine by-pass arrangements.

/Rob Swiatek/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3643

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